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Title: Need to restore the quota of jute bag for packing foodgrains, fertilizers, sugar and cement.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Jute Package Mandatory Order was introduced by the Central Government in 1987. It envisaged fixed quota for jute bag in packing food, fertilizers, sugar and cement. The UPA-II government diluted the jute packaging order and reduced the quota of jute bag in different industries. This had led to the crisis in the jute industry which employs two lakh people in West Bengal. Huge stocks are piling up in the mills and four jute mills were closed in West Bengal. The Central Government and the Ministry of Textiles must immediately restore the quota of jute bag as applicable earlier.